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**L I F E**

Of the late Celebrated  
**Mrs. Elizabeth Wisebourn,**

Vulgarly call'd

**MOTHER WYBOURN;**

CONTAINING

Secret Memoirs of several Ladies  
of the first Q—y, who held an As-  
sembly at her House;

Together with her

**Last Will and Testament.**

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One of her Physicians in Ordinary.*

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*Post funera Virtus.*

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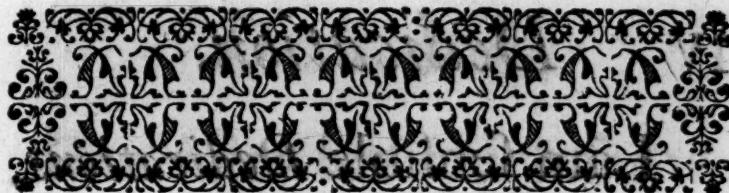
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## The Lady -----.

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*Madam,* I say, you will

**T**H E exact Confor-  
mity of your Man-  
ners to those of  
Mrs. *Wisebourn*, and your  
Intimacy with her when she  
was living, were Motives  
sufficient to induce me to  
make the following Work  
*Sacred to your Ladyship.*

iv      *Dedication.*

I am sensible *Dedications*,  
that were at first design'd to  
celebrate the Virtue and A-  
bility of the *Patron*, are now  
become subservient to the  
mean and sordid Views of the  
*Writer*; but your *Ladyship*,  
who is ~~so~~ perfect a Judge of  
*Men*, cannot but know that I  
could have no other End, ei-  
ther in *This*, or the Choice of  
my *Subject*, than doing Ho-  
nour to Those who deserve  
well of the *Public*.

Your *Ladyship*, who suc-  
ceeds Mrs. *Wisebourn* in that  
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## Dedication. iv

Character for which she was so deservedly eminent, was the first who shew'd us the true and real Use of *Asssemblies*; and I don't at all doubt but you will yet further refine upon them, and make them answer *all the Purposes* of *Masquerades*, without any of their Inconveniences. *Disguise* is abhorrent to a noble and generous Nature; and if we ought to be free in our Pleasures, as we are most certainly assur'd (both by your *Example* and *Precept*) we ought; I see no man-

manner of Reason why (in  
our Ways of pursuing them)  
we should not be so too.

It will be worthy of you  
then, Madam, to bring to  
Perfection what Mrs. *Wise-  
bourn* so wisely begun: L I-  
B E R T Y is undoubtedly the  
Birth-right of every *Bri-  
ton*, and the Ladies more  
particularly should be in-  
dulged in it; their Privile-  
ges, (which you have alrea-  
dy so gloriously asserted) it  
would be Sacrilege to in-  
fringe; and, under your In-  
fluence,

fluence, I hope shortly to see them *act* with all that *Freedom* and *Openness*, which is the *distinguishing Character* of your *Ladyship*, and is so justly the *Admiration of All*, but more especially of,

*Madam,*

*Your Ladyship's most oblig'd,  
most obedient, and  
most devoted humble Servant,*

Anodyne Tanner.

Dedication. vii

Yankee I hope truly to see  
thee with us this year  
and we O come quickly  
and bring us the old  
days back again I have so  
longed for the return of our  
old friends and the  
days of yore

ambition

My dear & beloved son  
you will do well  
to mind what I say

Amen I pray you



THE  
L I F E  
O F  
*Mrs. Eliz. Wisebourn.*

**I**HE Lives of *Illustrious Persons* have been always esteem'd the most profitable Part of Knowledge; the Impressions they make on the Mind are stronger, and more capable of being retain'd, than any other: By such Examples we are shewn what we ought to imitate, and what to avoid; and how, from a View of their Actions, to regulate our own.

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THIS was the Reason that first induc'd me to undertake the *Life* of Mrs. WISEBOURN: I consider'd it of too much Importance to be handed down to Posterity by Oral Tradition only; that many Things relating to her might be forgot, many misrepresented, and that even the most authentic Accounts must be very imperfect.

I am sensible, notwithstanding, how unequal I am to this Task; that to set every Incident of her Life in its proper Colours, requires the nicest, as well as most masterly Hand: But there is something of a Sympathy in Nature, which makes us fond of the Memories of those, whose Frame of Mind we find to have been like our own. It was for this Reason, I am told, the Reverend Author of the *Scourge* writ the *History of Hypatia*, and 'twas for the same Reason I presum'd to write that of Mrs. WISEBOURN.

Mrs. ELIZABETH WISEBOURN was born in the Year 1653, in the same Parish where she dy'd: Her Education was *liberal*; and her Father being a Clergyman, was very careful of instructing her in the *Principles* of our Excellent

lent *Church*, as by Law establish'd? The strictest Veneration for which she retain'd even to the Day of her Death.

IT is a Question, which was most to be admir'd, her Person when she was a *young Woman*, or her Parts when she was an *old one*: She was very well read in the *Scriptures*, and could unfold all the *Mysteries* thereof (especially that of *Adam and Eve*) with wonderful Perspicuity and Exactness.

NEITHER was her Zeal in any Degree less than her Understanding; *Deists*, and *They* who make a Jest of all Religion, were ever the Subject of her Reproach: she would not only endeavour it herself, but also get several worthy *Divines*, who frequented her *House*, to assist her in shewing them their Errors: And I am credibly inform'd, an eminent *Jew* in this Town, who shall be nameless, was by her converted to *Christianity*.

IN her Childhood, she gave many extraordinary *Proofs* of that *Genius*, for which she was afterwards so conspicuous: Instead of trifling with *Toys*, to which she had always an utter *Aversion*, she would affect being in the Company of *Men*; to whose

Humours she could at last so perfectly conform herself, that *any one's* Taste, or Inclinations, were as natural to her, as *her own*.

HER Father, who (as has been said) was a Clergyman, and consequently a Man of Parts, neglected no Opportunity of improving her Talents: The Nunneries abroad being the Properest Academies one design'd for her Profession could be educated in, she was therefore sent to *Rome*, under the Tuition of *Signora the Lady Abbess* of--- to whose Care upon that Occasion she would very gratefully acknowledge she ow'd all that she knew of her Business.

DURING her Abode in the Nunnery, she was oblig'd to perform her Devotions according to the Rites and Discipline of the Church of *Rome*; which has given Ground to a malicious Report, that has been spread of her since her Decease, namely, that she dy'd a *Roman Catholic*! I could give several undeniable Proofs to the contrary of this, but I think that of her Zeal for the Church (which has been hinted at already) is sufficient for any reasonable Man.

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At her Return into *England*, she was made acquainted with all the reigning *Toasts* of the Town; she was carry'd to *Court*, where she soon contracted a very particular *Friendship* with several *Ladies* of the first Rank: Nor was it less fortunate for them than *her self*; for as she was at all times ready to serve them, *they*, upon all Occasions, made use of *her Service*.

NEVER was so strict an Alliance ! Never so much Harmony between those of the same Sex before ! The D—tc—fs of — and of — the C—nt—fs of — and of — and the B——s Ladies of — and several others of the greatest Distinction, had such Regard to her Integrity, as well as Abilities, that they would trust the *most valuable* things they had in her Hands, without Fear of being defrauded, or having them apply'd to any Body's Use but their own.

NEITHER was she at all elated with his Affluence of Fortune, nor perplex'd with her Multiplicity of Business; she carry'd

ry'd her self with her ordinary *Moderation*, wit  
and *Ease*; she was an utter Enemy to all those  
those *Punctilio's* and *Forms*, which disguise  
and are a kind of Restraint upon the Mind; and  
therefore would endeavour, as much as she  
lay in her Power, to create such an *Openness*, mig  
of Behaviour in the *Ladies*, as any one the  
might be able to obtain *any Favour*, without  
making an Apology for asking it.

No one was more happy in suiting Peo  
ples Pleasures to their Circumstances, or  
better knew what their Constitutions could  
bear; she was always furnish'd with a Clo  
set of Medicines, every one of which (i  
I have any Judgment) is a *NOSTRUM* of so Noble and Excellent a Nature, that I  
intend (as I have already done by my *Anti  
venereals*, *Anti-Arthriticks*, &c.) to publish  
a separate Treatise, where every one is to be  
sold.

NO R shall it want the Recommendation  
of the Learned and Ingenious Dr. M—  
whose Lady, when she was living, was a neg  
very intimate Friend of Mrs. Wisebourn's Aq  
and was so well convinc'd of her extraordi  
nary Skill in *Physick*, that she has alway  
made use of her Remedies, when her Hus  
band's have prov'd ineffectual.

IT is true, she seldom concern'd her self  
with any other than *Venereal Cases*; but  
all where she was so very successful, that my  
wife Lady D—ch—ss of —, in her last Illness,  
and own'd she ow'd her Life entirely to her, and  
as the late *Reverend Dr.* — D—n of —  
might have been still living, had he taken  
one the Method she prescrib'd.

IF to deserve well of the Publick is wor-  
thy our Applause, her Name ought never  
to be forgot; she has FED THE HUN-  
GRY, CLOATHED THE NAKED,  
SUPPORTED THEM THAT WERE  
SEEBLE; she has been the greatest, as  
(i well as most indulgent Benefactress of her  
U M age: I could instance several, who not only  
hat owe their *Happiness*, but their *Lives* to her  
Anti Care, might I have been permitted to men-  
tion their Names.

SHE would sometimes indeed be a little  
out of Humour; and nothing more contri-  
buted to the making her so, than to see the  
Ladies, for whom she had any Esteem,  
as neglect her Advice, or drink *Rosa Solis*, or  
*Aqua Mirabilis*, or *South-Sea*, or *Common*  
*Citron Water*, or any other Dram, which,  
she would say, were equally ruinous to  
their Hus

their COMPLEXION, as their MODE-STY.

BUT Business continually increasing upon her Hands, and she being unequal to the Fatigues of it, she was advis'd to call into her Assistance some *Sage* and *Understanding* Man, who could talk *French* and *High Dutch*, who was a Favourite of the Ladies, and qualify'd for such an Employ.

SHE knew of but *One* (whom she could make choice of) who exactly answer'd this Character, and that was Mr. John James *H—d—gg—r*. Accordingly she apply'd herself to him; and after some little Dispute, he accepted of her Terms: It is said they cohabited together, and I have heard many Things offer'd to prove it; some of them indeed wear the Semblance of Truth; but nevertheless, *I am willing to believe* they were forged by her Enemies, to raise the Enmity of the Ladies against her.

HOWEVER, I will not venture to affirm, that their Friendship for each other was without any Mixture of Love; they had both of them too delicate a Taste for *Platonics*, and were too conscious of their own Perfections, to imagine they were not as capable

pable of giving as receiving Pleasure; but her Regard to the Ladies was so great, that she would by no Means (I conceive) nourish a Passion which might be in the least prejudicial to them.

N O R were either of them ever easy, but when they were employing their Thoughts on something or other for the Lady's Service; she was always forming of new Schemes, and he was as eager to execute them: He indeed had the Reputation of their Author, because 'twas necessary, for their mutual Security, that One of them should act *behind the Curtain*, and leave their Friends (in case they should come into any Trouble) to screen the other.

'Tis said, it was to her we were oblig'd for that elegant and useful Entertainment of *Masquerades*: She foresaw it would be impossible to make her Busines of universal Advantage without them; that it would relieve many Ladies of the most promising *Genii*, who must otherwise, like the *Phœnix*, expire in their own *Flames*; who must otherwise languish away their Lives, under the *Cruel Care of Fathers, Husbands, or Guardians*; and she was resolv'd, be the Consequence what it would, to establish them;

them ; she therefore communicated her Thoughts to Mr. John James aforesaid, who bless'd her for her lucky Discovery ; he knew no one, who had any Taste of the *politer Pleasures*, but would encourage 'em ; he knew how vastly they would improve, as well as extend, the Intrigues of the Town ; how in particular they would promote the Trade of her *House* ; he weigh'd every Circumstance, and every one strengthened him in his Opinion of them ; in short, he propos'd getting a *Charter*, and having erected them into an *Academy*, took the Sa—nt the next Morning (as did Mrs. Wisebourn) to qualify him accordingly.

THE Success they have had since was beyond their most sanguine Expectations, and as much Money (in respect of the Intrinsic Value) paid in upon their Subscriptions, as upon those of the S—S—. The Ladies were sensible it would look like Disaffection in their *Fathers*, or *Husbands*, to deny them a Diversion which was authoriz'd, and so much frequented by *Very great Personages* ! that at least it would be declaring themselves disgusted with the M---y, who were all *Subscribers* to the *Masquerades*.

IF her Integrity was capable of being doubted ; if any thing could affect a Reputation so unsully'd as hers ; I should have said something relating to a little Difference between her and Mr. H-d-gg-r concerning this Affair, not long before she dy'd ; but as he ask'd her Pardon when she was on her Death-Bed, and since she, as became a good *Christian*, did forgive him, it would be very unworthy in me, to mention any Thing to his Prejudice so long afterwards, and I should detest myself for so doing.

IT is not to be conceiv'd how patient she was under Afflictions ! how *resigned* in every Event ! her Behaviour was the same on her Death Bed, as at other times ; she was sensible of no Alterations in her Mind, whatever she was in her Body ; and it is a memorable Instance of it, (as well as of her great Tenderness to Mankind) that but a few Minutes before she dy'd, she order'd herself to be remov'd out of her Bed into a Chair, to make room for a Gentleman and Lady who wanted one.

By the *Company* who frequented her House, she had attained to a very great Knowledge in *Politicks*: I have heard, that some of the late M—— would never undertake any Thing without knowing her Sentiments of it first; she generally judg'd right; and therefore I cannot believe, as has been reported, that she was the original *Projector* of the S—S— Scheme, or that it was even projected at her *House*.

NEVERTHELESS, I will not deny but it was chiefly calculated for her Service; not only her own Name, but those of all her Friends were in *every List* for S— ons; tho' whether it was with their Consent or no, I shall not take upon me to determine.

THIS, however, may be said in her Defence, that it was the only remarkable Error she was ever guilty of; there are strong Suspicions against her, it is true, but so there were against some of the greatest Men in the Kingdom, who have since been *fully* and *clearly* prov'd innocent. That the Directors and their Accomplices, have forged several eminent Persons Names, is notorious; and why this mayn't be the

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Cafe with relation to her, I know not at least I shall suspend my Belief of it till the Arrival of Mr. *Knight*, in whom alone it lies to condemn or acquit her.

To be serviceable to Mankind, she would often say was the only Motive on which she could wish to live; she was affable to all; if she had any Fault, 'twas Excess of Humility; she would make no Distinction between the Ties of Relation and Friendship; all her *Friends* were her *Relations*, nay, her *nearest Relations*, her *Children*, as she would indulgently call them.

SHE (as I have said already) had always the strictest Veneration for the *Church*, and the *most unworthy Member* of it was at all times welcome to her. The *Reverend Mr. T*— is a living Instance of this; she had first conceiv'd an Opinion of him by hearing him preach (for she never fail'd being at Church every *Lord's Day*, twice at least) which was confirm'd in her by reading some of his *Poetry*; there was something in it — she could not tell what; that charm'd her — she could not tell how — ; it was perhaps the *unusual Fervour*, the Vehemence which seems peculiar

liar to that *Great Man*; and she lov'd to see People in *earnest* in what they *pretend-ed to*; his Verse, indeed, she did not think quite so Orthodox as his *Divinity*, nevertheless, till she could provide better for him, she made him her *Domestick Chap-lain*.

W H E R E V E R she laid any Obligation, it was without the least Prospect of Return; but this *worthy Person* was as grateful as his Benefactress was kind; he always had the greatest Sense of her Favours, and was concern'd he could only shew it in Words; but she, who knew the Value of *his*, desir'd no other Acknowledgment; she desir'd only some *Verses sacred to her Me-mory*, or a *Funeral Sermon*, or *BOTH*; and she left him a Reward accordingly in *her Will*.

H E has since finish'd the Verses, as I am inform'd, and the learned World wait with Impatience to see them; there is no room to doubt but they will meet with the Success of his *other Pieces*: He will always write *like himself*; nor, I may ven-ture to say, will his *Subject* be inferior to his Performance.

So great was the Esteem of the Ladies for Mrs. Wisebourn, that they never thought themselves happier than when they were in her Company, nor was she happier than when she could provide Persons of Distinction for theirs ; she had of either Sex, a select Society at her House, who came not there out of any mercenary Views, but purely for each other's *Recreation* and *mutual Solace*.

THEY met in different Apartments, but as they thought fit, could unite *both* Companies into *one* ; however, that was but seldom, because it was inconsistent with Privacy, the Nature of their Affairs requir'd.

IN the *Society of Ladies*, presidèd *one*, who shall be distinguish'd by the Name of *Cangia* : If she is not the most *graceful*, she is the most *comely* Person of her *Sex* ; she is Mistress to a *very great Man*, tho' she her self is in love with a *very mean one* ; this is the last of six Gallants she has had since her being in *England* ; (for she is a *Foreigner*) her Soul is soft and susceptible of every Impression : A Look, a Glance, a Bow, will make an absolute Con-

Conquest of her *Heart*; and she will dissolve, (as Mr. P—pe, in his intended *New Version*, an excellent Specimen of which he has publish'd already, happily expresses it) *like Snow upon the Mountains of Bether*.

IN such Distempers Mrs. *Wisebourn* was her only Physician; she had *Specificks* for every Degree of them, and knew how to proportion them to the Nature and Constitution of the *Patient*. *Cangia* had chanc'd to cast her Eyes upon *this Person*, as she was going in a Coach and Six through the *Park*; 'twas sufficient for her to see him; she instantly fell in love with him, and pointed him out to Mrs. *Wisebourn*, who was with her: Her Acquaintance was Universal; she knew him, and promis'd *Cangia* he should be at her House the next *Evening*.

*CANGIA* accordingly came, and Mrs. *Wisebourn* told her, the Gentleman would be there in an Instant; she, in the mean while desir'd her to walk up, and entertain her self with some Pictures she had newly purchas'd: The Room and the Furniture are too well known to need a Description; let it suffice that the Pictures were done by the *most eminent Hands*; and

and of that Sort which seems to fire the Imagination, and excite in the Beholders that Passion they so livelily represent : Every Thing conspir'd ! the most tempting Ideas fill'd her Mind ! the most agreeable Softness her Soul ! his Image still danc'd before her Eyes, and she thought him present e'er he appear'd !

UPON the *Bed* in an inner Room lay, counterfeiting himself asleep, the charming, the beautiful *Bellmour*; he was in such a Posture, as the modest and ingenious Author of the *Atalantis* says, is too indecent to be describ'd, and therefore I shall refer my Reader to her *Description* of it; the Windows were obscur'd to favour the Deceit; and upon her approaching the Bed, he was so dispos'd, that she must of Necessity fall into his Arms.

THE natural Consequence of her Contemplating the Pictures, Mrs. *Wisebourn* knew, would be a Desire of reposing her self *there*; but when, instead of *dreaming*, she found herself *really* in the Embraces of *Bellmour*, she was too highly transported to be surpriz'd; she neither knew, nor car'd who he was; she thought it sufficient he was hers.

HARDLY had they commun'd together *thus* an Hour, when the Lady *Rialta* (who had Reason to hope, from the many Favours she had conferred on *Bellmour*, she was secure of any Rival in his Love) whether brought there by *Destiny*, or *Design*, came into the Chamber; she had pass'd unheeded by Mrs. *Wisebourn*, who was sitting in the Parlour very intent upon the *Common-Prayer*, or some other *Book of Devotion*, which she had in her Hand.

IT is not to be imagin'd, the *Grief*, the *Rage*, the *Variety of Passions*, with which she was possess'd upon seeing them together in *this Manner*! She had once resolv'd to join them so together for ever with *his Sword*, which lay half unsheathed in the Window; but *that* she thought would not be a Punishment adequate to his Crimes: He would triumph in dying in the *Arms of his Mistress*; it would make him *Insolent*, as well as *Perfidious*!

SHE however threw open the Curtains, but her Fury would not permit her to speak; she often essay'd, but as often fail'd in the Attempt: *Cangia* was confus'd,

confus'd ; *Bellmour* dreaded her Indignation ; and yet he could say nothing to appease *her*, but what must necessarily raise the Resentments of *the other*.

IN this Exigency Mrs. *Wisebourn* came in ; she was not so much surpriz'd to see them in this Disorder, as concern'd to know how to remedy it ; she was sensible it was of the utmost Importance to reconcile *Rialta* to *Bellmour* ; that the Society must lose a Member, if she lost a Gallant.

AT last, reflecting upon those celebrated Lines in the Play, *viz.*

*The Gods in Bounty work up Storms*  
 [about us,  
*That give Mankind Occasion to exert*  
*Their hidden Strength, and throw out into*  
 [Practice  
*Virtues which shun the Day, and lie con-*  
 [ceal'd,  
*In the smooth Seasons, and the Calms of*  
 [Life.

SHE determin'd to try if she was not capable even of turning this Misfortune (how difficult soever it might seem) to her

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Advantage; she wisely consider'd, that if every Lady pretended to make a Monopoly of Lovers, (which she perceiv'd they were all endeavouring to do) the Jealousies and Dissentions among them would be endless; that it would at least embarrass, if not utterly overthrow their Constitution.

SHE therefore address'd herself to *Rialta*, and said, it was not for her to pass Judgment upon an Affair of so high a Nature at this; but that (if she might presume so far) she would advise her to refer it to the Ladies, who were then sitting in a full Assembly below; as for *Bellmour* (she said) she was persuaded he was not altogether so guilty as she imagined; she was persuaded he could enjoy only *her*, tho' even in the Arms of another.

THUS was she forc'd to sooth *Rialta* to obtain her Consent to Appeal; she was sensible it would give her the Opportunity, she had so long wanted, of getting a Vote against *Monopolies*, which was so contrary both to *her Interest* and *their own*; each of them at last comply'd; *Cangia* rely'd upon the Number and Greatness

ness of her Friends ; *Rialta* (as she took it) upon the Justice of her Cause ; neither of them, it is true, is much to be depended on ; for whatever it has been, it now happens, that the one is no more regarded than the other.

E A C H came down, and took their Seats according to Form : Mrs. *Wisebourn* opened the Case ; and after she had stated it with all the Truth and Impartiality peculiar to that excellent Woman ; she, with such powerful Eloquence, set forth the pernicious Effects of any one's pretending to restrain, or be a Check upon the Inclinations of another, in Love ; that, without dividing, they gave the Cause in Favour of *Cangia*.

A N D it was further resolv'd, *Nemine Contradicente*, That no Member of this Society should, under Pretence of Kindred, Alliance, Marriage, or Keeping, assume any Authority, or Prerogative over, or claim any Right, Title, Privilege, or Property in any Person or Persons, independent of the rest of the Society, on Pain of being Expelled.

AND

AND it was by Means of this Vote, the Society flourisht, and arriv'd to the Height it was at, when Mrs. Wisebourn left this Life for a better ; and without such a Vote, the very End and Purpose of its Establishment had been lost : It was not for the Convenience of keeping Gallants it was design'd ; but to furnish the Ladies with the greatest Variety, without being at that Trouble.

THE next in Precedence to Cangia was Ermonima ; a Lady whose Amours can't be a Stranger to many, because her Person it self is not so : It is said, she has been as liberal in bestowing her Favours, as Fame has been busy in reporting them : Her Husband, if he has no other Qualification, at least has that which is most agreeable to the Ladies : But the Nearness of the Relation makes her detest him ; and he is as much the Cause of Aversion in her, as he is of Affection in others.

To mention all her Amours, would be descending from Gilded Apartments, to — Pardon the Immodesty of the Expression — to COMMON Bawdy-Houses ! She has not only been indulgent to the

the Desires of the Great, but of the Mean!  
ay, of the meanest! of Porters, and Hack-  
ney-Coachmen !

THE Affair I am going to mention, was not indeed of that Sort ; it was with a Person who was not in those Circumstances *then*, whatever he might have been in *before*; his Father was a menial Servant to —— who, for *some secret Services*, got him into the M — ; his Exploits since are too well known to be related ; he sung, he danc'd, he drank, he *amour'd* for the good of the S — e : He was not only a *Tool* to his Superiors, But to his *own Creatures* ; nor were they ever any other than *Fidlers, Buffoons, Songsters, or Gamesters* ; he knew not how to make a *good Choice*, notwithstanding he had (before his Eyes) such a notorious Instance of an *ill one*, as his Master's, in *that of himself*.

THIS Man, with all these Accomplishments, did *Ermonima* prefer to her Husband ; he had got the Ascendancy of her Heart, and no Body could imagine to the Cause ; various were the Conjectures, but not so various as false : It could not be *Variety* ; it could not be  
*Love* ;

*Love*; she had enough of the one, and was too great a Mistress to be touched with the other; however, she had always a Passion for Eunuchs, and perhaps his Re-semblance of them might occasion her Fondness for Him.

IN his last Illness (for it is since reported he is dead) she sent to *one of our Faculty*, who had the Care of him, and in the most intollerable Confusion (betraying all her *Love* by her Extravagance of *Grief*) threw her self at his Feet, and told him, her Life, and all that was dear to her, depended on him; that if he would preserve her, he must (which was the same Thing) preserve her *Lover*; that what he could wish of Gold should be the smallest Instance of her Gratitude; that she would even Pawn her own Person for the Performance of it, if he requir'd it.

THE *Doctor* bowed, and bid her be assur'd of his Life; that had he fallen into *any other Hands*, his Condition had been desperate indeed; but that *HE* would even turn this Distemper, Malignant as it was, to his Advantage! that *HE* would even make it a Means  
of

of throwing out those *Noxious Humours* from his Blood, which he had accumulated there by his former Excesses.

HIS WORDS gave some Comfort to the desponding *Ermonima*; the *Pope* cannot pretend to more Infallibility in *Divinity* than the Doctor does in *Physic*: He repair'd to his Patient, felt his Pulse, and order'd him something from *his own Apothecaries*, of which (as is customary with all the *Doctor's Patients*) he expir'd the same Night.

HAD he made use of either my *Antivereals*, my *Anti-arthritis*, my *Blistering Plasters*, my *Purging Sugar-Plums*, or my *Anodyne Necklace*; and applied any of them, or all of them together, properly to the Patient's use, he had certainly dy'd with more Reputation to the Doctor than he has done at present.

BUT, however, if the Doctor could not cure *his Distemper*, he had better Success with *Ermonima's*; she had lost her Lover! but with him she had likewise lost her Grief; she begun so have a Tenderness for the Doctor, and she forgave him the Death of her *Gallant*; she

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(told him she) knew not which to admire most, his Quickness of Apprehension, or Readiness to obey her ; that unless he had perform'd *his Promise effectually to her*, she should never (in all the Latitude she could wish) have been able to have perform'd *hers to him* — and immediately flew into his Arms.

T H E Doctor here received the Reward of his Skill, and he was soon sensible her *Specifics* were more potent in *Diseases* of Men, than were his in those of the Women ; however, they both endeavour'd to give what Satisfaction they could to each other, and continu'd applying their *Remedies* so long, till some Body came in and discover'd them in the Height of their *Operation*.

T H E Servant who was the Cause of this unhappy Accident was remov'd from her Place, but soon restor'd to it again, lest she should (as it was afterwards found she did) report it abroad, and bring a Scandal upon this Society at Mrs. Wisebourn's, of which she was then a Member.

THE next Lady was likewise marry'd ;  
 but till I have her Orders to the contrary I  
 shall conceal her Husband's Name : I know  
 she would rather be call'd *Selinda* than any  
 other, and therefore so I shall call her ;  
 her *Lover* (for I never heard she had more  
 than one) was *wealthy*, *young*, and *gay* ;  
 and as *amorous* as his Father was *wise* :  
 He gave Magnificent Entertainments, Treats,  
 and Tickets for *Masquerades*, and was kind  
 even to all the *Sex*, for her sake ; he was  
 so prodigal in his *Presents*, and had withal  
 such an agreeable Way of offering them,  
 that he was as much confounded when they  
 refus'd them, as they themselves were when  
 they accepted them ; and yet they reject-  
 ed only because they knew that *one* must  
 necessarily bring on another, and *Mon-  
 keys* and *Lap-dogs* terminate in *Boys* and  
*Girls*.

HE writ *Billet Deux*, and *Selinda* an-  
 swer'd them ; but as they were in Verse,  
 and consequently extreamly Valuable, they  
 could trust them in no body's Hands but  
 their own ; so that they employ'd all their  
 time in writing and delivering their own  
 Letters.

THEIR usual Meetings were at a Lady's, who was *once* a celebrated Beauty her self ; but now her Charms are all declin'd, and her whole Quiver of Arrows expend-  
ed ! she continu'd some time with Mrs. *Wisebourn* before she was *free* of the *Pro-  
fession*, and then (it is said) *Ermonima's*  
Gallant got her a — from the — of  
a thousand Pounds a-year to begin with ;  
nor was there ever any equal to her in  
*Ability*, or so capable of succeeding Mrs.  
*Wisebourn*, the present Right H—e the  
L—y —— who does succeed her, ex-  
cepted.

*SELINDA* was once at *B—l*, and  
in an Assembly of Ladies, one of her Let-  
ters from *Philander* (for so her Lover was  
call'd) was read ; and being desir'd to be  
read over again by a Lady in Company,  
there were found in it the following Ver-  
ses.

## I.

**U**PO *n* a Bank of Flow'rs reclin'd,  
*The soft Selinda lay;*  
**T**o ease the Anguish of her Mind,  
*And dose away the Day.*

## II.

**H**E R Eyes by gentle Slumbers seal'd,  
*No more with Tears o'erflow'd;*  
**H**er Looks alone the Love reveal'd,  
*That in her Bosom glow'd.*

## III.

**T**H E N cease my Charmer, cease thy Sighs,  
*Again thou must be mine;*  
**A**nd think that thy Adorer dies,  
*Till he again is thine.*

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THE Poetry was applauded as it deserv'd ; it was as much in the Fashion as they could wish ; as the *Fardingal* was in the time of Queen *Elizabeth*, or the *Hoop-Petticoat* is now. There is the *Turn*, the *tender*, the *soft*, the *agreeable*, the *Rhyme*, and all the *modern Essentials* of a Poem : It might indeed have been look'd upon as no extraordinary Performance among the *Ancients* ; but their Way of thinking and writing is at present as unfashionable *with us* as their Dres.

IF like other Men of Quality he did not write them himself, like them, it was not for want of *Capacity*, but *Leisure*. It is said that Mr. G——y, or his Tutor Mr. P——pe had the greatest Share in them, and that the last Stanza is entirely theirs ; however, till I see Reason to the contrary, I must still believe as I have always done) that *Seignor Pa——o R——lli*, Poet and *Secretary* to the Royal A——my of Music, was the Author of them ; and what strengthens me in it is, that his new Translation of *Milton's Paradise lost* into *Italian*, is exactly in the same *Style* and *Measure*. This Gentleman indeed deserves the Favours he has met with ; since, (only from what he has said him-

*bimself) he is superior to all others, in the Art of Poetry especially.*

*SELINDA* came to Town with her Answer, and then return'd to *B—l* again; but I never heard that *he* carry'd his Verses to her himself, or even sent them any other Way than by the common Post; which makes me conjecture *she* set a greater Value upon *her Works* than *he* did upon *his*; so that whatever my Opinion was before, I shall now alter it in Favour of *her*.

Mrs. *Wisebourn*, who was always an Encourager of *Science*, perceiving *Philander's Genius* in *Poetry*, propos'd conferring on him the Honour of *Poet* and *Secretary* to their Society, and so set him up in Rivalship against *Seignor Pa—lo*, *Poet* and *Secretary*, as has been said, to the Royal *A—my of M—c*; which *Philander* was very willing to accept, provided they would stay till he had spent what remain'd of his *Estate*, which he promis'd faithfully he would do as expeditiously as he possibly could.

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AFTER Selinda was Monavaria ; she was natural born, and therefore had an *Hereditary Right* of sitting in all Assemblies of this Nature ; it is not a Twelve-Month since her Husband dy'd, if a State of Inactivity and Impotence in Love can be call'd Life : His Flames, it is true, when they were first marry'd, were just upon expiring, - and only serv'd to light up hers ; like a Lamp burnt to the Socket, which, tho' within a Moment of its own End, can communicate all its *Fire* and *Lustre* to another.

BUT lest she should gain a Degree of Heat that might be dangerous to her, she had a *Water Engine* continually at Hand ; which, however, (notwithstanding all her Efforts) she would often *Pump* dry before she could well allay her Flames ; and a *Physician*, who is a Favourite of the Ladies, because he generally administers his own *Medicines*, is the Owner of it, and works it.

SHE makes no Scruple of appearing at all public Places with him, or even permitting him to visit his Patients in her own Coach ; she says, whatever she was to

to her Husband when he was living, she is under no matrimonial Contract to the World, and therefore shall stand in no awe of its Censures, nor desire to be SCREEN'D from them.

THE Doctor's only Rival, if (which is much doubted) he has really any, is a Poet, who is as eminent for his Person as his Genius; his Form is the best Index of his Mind; nor can the Drawings of Sir Godfrey Kneller, or Dahl, give one so just an Idea of the former, as that it self does of the latter: If *Monavarria* does now and then scatter some of her Favours upon him, it must be only to appease the *Manes* of her Husband; he was his Friend when he was living, and therefore ought to be confideted as his *Representative* now he is dead.

BUT *Monavarria* cannot be fonder of the Doctor than *Damina* (the Lady I am next to speak of) is of *Signor Semivir*, the Eunuch; IT, (that's the *Eunach*) however, does not stand alone in her Heart, a Brother of the Right H—L—y, who succeeds *Mrs. Wisebourn*, has likewise some Share in it; they are Rivals, and do not know it; *Signor Semivir* is as little Jealous of

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him, as he can be of Signor Semivir : But she, who is a better Judge of their Abilities, than they are themselves, considers IT as the Genius ; and HE as the Man of Business : HE is to her in the Way of a Chaplain, or Groom of the Chambers ; IT in that of a Lover : HE is purely for Service ; IT for Pleasure and Ornament : HE is to allay her Desires ; IT to rouze them up : If there is something bold and Masculine in HIM ; there is a Softness, and agreeable Langour in IT. In short, IT may be consider'd as a Magician, who with Charms and Spells raises the Devil within her ; and HE, as a Parson — who lays him.

HE was once with a Friend of his at Mrs. Wisebourn's, in the Company of several Ladies ; and in the Height of their Entertainment, who should start in upon them but Damina ? He was surpriz'd, and all (except his Friend) in Disorder left the Room ; she began to tax him with his Ingratitude, his Perfidy, his exposing her Letters in Publick Coffee-houses, and every Thing else which she would usually reproach him with upon these Occasions ; he was as submissive as guilty ; the more she rag'd, the more he vow'd Obedience

Obedience to her Will ; she demanded an immediate Proof of it ; he lock'd *his Friend* up in the Closet , and gave her a thousand ; still she was not satisfied ; she wanted her little *Eunuch* to give the true *Leſt* to her Pleasures ; she departed abruptly from him ; but the other had, in Requital of his Confinement , a Suit of Velvet ordered him the next Morning.

THE Consequence of this Meeting was not so agreeable to him as he could wish ; she had such a Present from *his Rival* the Night before , as she concluded could come from no Body but him ; she accused him with it ; and he not knowing but he might have received something of that Nature from some other Woman , did not absolutely deny it ; which she resented so far, that she could never be prevailed upon to see him after ; *Signor Semivir*, in the mean while, not being in the least suspected, imparted it to half the Ladies of Quality in Town.

THE Ladies *Lisetta* , and *Epischia* , ought to be mention'd together, because (as I have heard) they have but one Lover between them ; nevertheless, he is

as inconstant as they are kind : He holds his Title to *Epischia* in Right of her Husband, who bequeathed her to him for Reasons of State ; he had some Turn to serve, and consented to be *his Cuckold*, provided *Admissarius* (for so I shall call him) would be *his Tool*.

*ADMISSARIUS* divides his Heart among his Mistresses as equally as possibly he can ; but he has so many , that neither of these whom I have mentioned, have much Reason to boast of their Share in it ; they can't be insensible of the Cause of his Coolness, and yet they are at eternal Dissentions about it : The Matter was once carry'd so far , that 'twas believed their Husbands (one being a leading Member of the — and the other of the — ) would have interested both — of — in their Quarrel.

BUT whilst they are perpetually distracting themselves with Jealousy , and new Discoveries of his Perfidy , there is only one in full Possession of his Heart she indeed seems to have won it by Merit, and the Force of many Obligations and were she not a Person of too mean Degree

Degree ( having been, if she is not at present an *Actress* ) might justly deserve a Seat in this Society.

*NUMETHIA* was next, not more beautiful than high born ; she has a — very little younger, and every Way as agreeable as her self ; she is gay and amorous, and fancy'd she saw something in him more of Love than Respect : There was a certain Softness in his Air, a certain *Languor* in his Look, that convinc'd her, if he did not sympathize, at least he could not be insensible of her Pains ; notwithstanding any Relation between them.

His Passion was not less than hers ; but neither of them knew how to disclose it to the other ; they had consider'd of all Ways, but found all to be ineffectual ; tho' they were Persons of Quality, they yet had some Regard to their Reputation ; and were afraid of Censure, tho' they were above it.

IN this Exigency, they both apply'd themselves secretly to Mrs. *Wisebourn* ; they inform'd her of their Malady, and desir'd she would think of a Remedy ; she promis'd them ; and imagin'd it would not

not be very difficult to perform, since their Affection for each other was mutual.

HOWEVER, she who was not to be told that stolen Delights were the sweetest, resolv'd they should not be acquainted with it till they made the Discovery themselves ; she was certain it would be to the Satisfaction of both, to believe the other ignorant who was in their Arms ; that it would be a kind of renewing the Delight, when it was reveal'd to them the next Morning.

*NUMETHIA* had contriv'd that he should be introduced to her, when she was in Bed, and the Candles were out, instead of his own *Mistress* ; and he, on the contrary, had resolv'd to personate *her Lover* : It would be impossible to give a Description of their Joys ; let it suffice to say they could not be increas'd ; they were almost too exquisite to be continued.

EACH was conscious of the Deceit, but knew not the other was so ; each was for hastening their Departure before Day ; but (*Love had so linked them together*) neither

neither of them could stir ; they had  
sworn to Mrs. Wifeborn ; but *Love* is a  
Dissolver of all Ties for the Sake of *One* ;  
*she* was injured by their Stay, *they*  
*themselves*, as they imagined, were inevi-  
tably ruin'd.

BUT neither of them was less amaz'd  
at the other's Silence than at their seem-  
ing Eagerness to be gone ; they perceiv'd  
a Mystery too in each others Behaviour,  
which they were not able to unfold ;  
they at last linger'd away so long in kis-  
sing and taking their Leave, and parted  
and return'd again so often, that the Sun  
shone in upon them, and rendered all fur-  
ther Endeavours of concealing themselves  
vain.

WHOSE Surprize at this Juncture  
was greatest, would be difficult to ima-  
gine ; he was Motionless as a Statue,  
whilst she blushed and burst out into Tears :  
each would have asked Pardon of the  
other, but neither could hope for Forgive-  
ness ; each knew they were Deceivers, but  
did not know they themselves were de-  
ceived.

THEY were as silent now as before, each of them would have spoke, but were willing the other should speak first; they continu'd in this Suspence for some time till at last he fix'd his Eyes upon her's; but he saw nothing forbidding, nothing of Resentment, or Anger, in them; her Fear seem'd to be greater than her Aversion; he even ventur'd to lay hold of her Hand, upon which she relin'd her Head gently upon his Breast; this kindled afresh in them all their Desires; they were no longer under any Apprehensions; she gave her self a Spring into his Arms, and with infinite and unutterable Endearments clasp'd him as eagerly *in her's.*

Mrs. Wisebourn, who (notwithstanding all their Promises) guess'd how Matters would be carry'd on, was not in the least surpriz'd to see them together in the Morning; she was her self too sensible of the Power of Love, not to make any Allowances upon that Account; she told them by this time she hop'd the Mystery of their Passion was reveal'd, that the Imposture of all Sides was too agreeable to be displeasing; that were it known, no body could blame them, because

cause no body could believe but (as the Poet expresses it)

*The Faults of Love by Love are justify'd.*

THEY acquiesc'd; and under her Guidance were as happy as they could wish: Nor will either of these noble Persons but do her the Justice to own this Affair was wholly owing to the Great Genius! *Consummate Wisdom!* Depth of Thought! Strength of Parts! Capacity, Penetration, Prudence, Foresight, Ability, Discretion, and VIRTUE of Mrs. Wisebourn! whose Care and Tenderness of her Children (as I have said before, she would indulgently call them) was equal to that of themselves, or of one another.

THE next was a Lady who had an Affair with a Gentleman of Ireland; a Nation for which Mrs. Wisebourn had always a particular Regard; she knew them to be the best Workmen in her Way, and therefore she would seldom employ any other to work to her Shop: The young Lady fell in love with him for the ordinary Accomplishments of his Country; a well-rounded Assurance, and a GREAT CAG  
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PACITT; they were however a little unfortunate in their Amours, for what should have been a Secret to all but themselves—and Mrs. *Wisebourn*, was by a fatal Accident discover'd to a *Hackney-Coachman*.

THUS was the Mystery of their Love reveal'd; nevertheless they did not cease imposing it upon the World for such still; tho' they had not (like *Adam* and *Eve*) only tasted of one *Apple*, but eat of the whole *Tree*; they had prescrib'd themselves no Bounds to their Bliss; if *Virginity* and *Innocence* were *Paradise*, *Love* and *Enjoyment* were *Heaven*; and the *Loss* of one (as it was improperly call'd) but a *Glorious Translation* into the other.

THE next is a *Lady* as deservedly happy in the Choice of a *Lover*, as she is in that of a *Husband*; he is one who does not make use of the little *Arts* and *Ornaments* of Dress, because he is sensible his *Mistress*, as well as himself, despises them; he has nothing sincerely at Heart but the Good of his Country, and he only trifles with *Love* at his Leisure; to redress the Wrongs of an injur'd Nation; like another *Cicero*, to bring

bring all the Betrayers of it to Justice ; he thinks alone worthy of his Thoughts, as it can alone render him worthy of her.

HE was seldom indeed seen at Mrs. Wisebourn's, for which his Enemies accus'd him of Want of *Taste* and *Polite-ness* : I cannot, 'tis true, altogether pretend to vindicate him in this Particular ; I own he was to blame ; but then let it be consider'd too, it was his principal, if not his only Failing.

THE last I shall mention is *Riveria* ; not that she is less deserving, but of less Quality, than any of the rest : She was at first reputed *Author* of a Book, which has since been own'd by two *Reverend and Worthy Divines* ; the one an *Inhabitant of the City of Westminster*, the other of *Dublin* ; with which last like-wise she at present cohabits. Some Share it is true she had in it ; for it was writ on her Bosom when she was in Bed, and in a *Posture* that could only furnish them with all those soft and pleasant *Ideas*, those *very Expressive* and *Epicurean Images*, with which their whole *Work*, but in particular their Descriptions a-

bound; and therefore she may not be so properly said to be Writer of it her self, as the GENIUS or MUSE of those that were.

PERHAPS it would be thought an Injustice to her Memory, to pass over, unspoke of, so shining an Ornament of this Society as that Lady once was, who stabb'd her self in the *Nunnery*, into which she was forc'd by the Cruelty of her Relations, for the Love of Mr. P—pe, whom I have already mention'd in the Account of *Monavaria* and the *Doctor*; as he himself relates it in a Poem of his, under the Title of *Verses to the Memory of an unfortunate Lady*: However, the Cause of her Death, I will venture to say almost atones for the Sin of it; his Person is as amiable as his Muse, and certainly not to be seen by any of the Sex without some fatal Effect; especially if big with Child, as this Lady was before she enter'd into a Vow for the Conservation of her Chastity.

THUS have I finish'd the Characters of the Principal Persons who compos'd this illustrious Assembly; after her Death it was for some time dissolv'd, but now flourishes

nourishes again, under the Care and Management of the Right H——le  
the Lady —— in as much Perfection as  
ever.

Mrs. *Wisebourn* perceiving by the Complication of Distempers that afflicted her, she was almost at the End of her Pilgrimage, order'd the Reverend Mr. T—— (who, as has been said, was her *Domestick Chaplain*) to attend, that she might advise with him about the State of her Soul; he examin'd into every Action of her Life, and sifted her Conscience like a Sieve, thro' and thro', and yet he could see nothing that had even the Semblance of a Sin; nevertheless he assur'd her she could not have been guilty of any Thing, tho' it were ever so enormous, that he (in Consideration of the Favour she had always shewn the C——y, and her Detestation of Atheists, or, who are much worse, *Presbyterians* and *Low-Churchmen*) could not have given her *Absolution* for.

AFTER

AFTER she had taken this Refreshment, she was a little more at Ease; for this was a *Cordial* that would never fail of reviving her *Spirits*, were they ever so languishing and low; she then desir'd him to sit her upright in the Bed; and all her *Daughters* and *Domesticks* being call'd about her, as she had order'd, she spake to them in the following Manner:



*Children and Friends,*

" I Am sensible, by the Nature of my  
 " Distemper, and the Warning I  
 " have received from some *unseen Power*,  
 " that the Day of my Dissolution draws  
 " nigh; the World is too wicked for  
 " me to live in it any longer, and there-  
 " fore it so pleases H——n to take me  
 " from hence to it self; nevertheless, my  
 " Children and Friends, I cannot but be  
 " concern'd for your Welfare; it grieves  
 " me to think, that when I am gone  
 " from among you, you may be strug-  
 " ling here for a slender Subsistence;  
 " and *earning your Bread by the Sweat of*  
 " *your Brow*: You have all liv'd with  
 " me too long to need any other In-  
 " structions than those I have heretofore  
 " given you; only let me advise you to  
 " be as carefull of your selves as I have  
 " been of you; to retain those *Principles*  
 " which

" which you were educated in, and which  
 " you chiefly owe to the pious Endeav-  
 " ours of this *Holy Man* (pointing  
 " to the Reverend Mr. T——) ne-  
 " ver to swerve from the *Truth*, or se-  
 " parate your selves from those chosen  
 " People of H——n, the *T——s*, to whom  
 " I have with Pleasure observ'd, not only  
 " you, but *all* in your *Way*, that is, al-  
 " most *all* your Sex, have ever been  
 " most firmly attach'd. Consider that  
 " nothing is of any Value in Com-  
 " parison of those *Principles* this *Ho-*  
 " *ly Man*, I say, (pointing again to the  
 " Reverend Mr. T——) has so industri-  
 " ously *instill'd* into you; indeed it is  
 " not much Matter whether you have  
 " any other or no; but these are what  
 " you ought to stick by, what you ought  
 " to maintain, what none of you can *take*  
 " a *Degree*, or be in the least *qualify'd* for  
 " your Business without; there is such a  
 " *Harmony* between your Opinion and  
 " Profession! such a Connexion! that I  
 " have heard this *Holy Man* say, (point-  
 " ing again to the Reverend Mr. T——)  
 " he will encourage you, and cherish  
 " you, and absolve you of all your  
 " Sins, whilst you continue in them.

Observe

Observe this *Holy Man*; (pointing again to the Reverend Mr. T—) observe him, I say; let him be a *Father*, a *Guardian*, a *Brother*, a *Husband* to you all! This *Holy Man*, says she again, (pointing again to the Reverend Mr. T—) — and then, with great Composure of Mind, she departed this mortal Life.

Thus died this excellent *Woman*, in the Sixty Seventh Year of her Age; and in the Year of our Lord 1720. She had, some Time before, writ her own *Epitaph*; which, because I have since seen turn'd into *Latin*, and apply'd to another Occasion, I shall take no further Notice of here. The next Day she was embalmed and removed into a different Apartment, where she lay in State Three or Four Days, and then was very pompously bury'd (her Hearse being attended to the *Grave* by the greatest Part of the N—y of *England*, in their own Coaches) at *St. Martin's in the Fields*, Six D—s holding up the *Pall*; and Mr. T— performing the *Funeral Ser-*  
*e.*

A little before her Death, I am to inform my Reader, she had form'd a De-

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sign of getting a *Charter*, and erecting a Company for furnishing the Town with Ladies of the best and safest Sort, at a much cheaper Rate than at present; together with an Office of Insurance from Infection; where, upon the Payment of Five Shillings Advance, and Two Shillings and Sixpence *per Quarter*, every Person of either Sex, that should be infected, were to be cured at the Expence of the Company: And, by her great Interest she had almost obtained such a Charter, when the *Scire-Facias* came out, and put a Stop to the proceeding any further in it, till *Public Credit* should be restored, and People were enabled to encourage so great an advantagious an Undertaking.



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*A true COPY of the Last Will and Testament of Mrs. Elizabeth Wifebourn, vulgarly called Mother Wybourn.*

**I** Elizabeth Wifebourn, being in sound Health of Mind, but in great Weakness of Body, do, by this my last Will and Testament, bestow my worldly Goods and Chattels in Manner following:

*Imprimis, To my Eldest Daughter, Mrs. Sarah Salisbury, a New Bath-Metal Watch, and Ten Shillings and Sixpence, for Loss of Time in attending my Funeral.*

*Item, To All my other Daughters Mourning-Rings of the same Metal, and Five Shillings a piece for Loss of Time also.*

*Item, To Mrs. Sarah Prater, Three half Crowns to redeem her Gown, now in Pawn for that Sum, and a Right Bristol-Stone-Ring, Brilliant Cutt.*

*Item, To Mrs. Elizabeth Minshul Five Guineas, to pay Dr. Anodyne Tanner for her Cure; and a Wrapper against the lies down.*

*Item, To Mrs. Diana Cadogan Five Guineas, and a Wrapper for the same Use.*

*Item, To Mrs. Elizabeth Stanley Five Guineas, and a Wrapper for the same Use.*

*Item, To Mrs. Diana Brainsborough Five Guineas, and a Wrapper for the same Use.*

*Item, To her Daughter, now at H— Boarding-School, my Morocco Leather Common Prayer-Book; and Two Guineas for a Legacy to her Mistress, for the extraordinary Care she has taken of her Education.*

*Item, To my ingenious and worthy Friend Mr. — the Bookseller, as an eternal Monument of my Friendship and Affection for him, I bequeath a Manuscript Treatise of my own Writing; which, with a proper Title, may serve to bind up with the Cases of Impotency and Divorce.*

*Item,*

*Item, To those Two great and useful  
minaries, Birckhead's and Beveridge's,  
ten Pounds a piece for my Picture to  
be drawn at Length, by the ingenious  
Mr. D—l, and plac'd in a Golden Frame,  
at the upper End of their Rooms.*

*Item, To his G—— the D—— of  
a Gross of right Dutch C.—ms,  
newly imported from Holland, by Mr.  
K——ez the Jew.*

*Item, To the Reverend Mr. T—, as  
well for his faithful Services to me, as in  
consideration of his Writing my *Elegy*  
and *Funeral Sermon*, I bequeath Two  
years Salary; my Black Prunella Man-  
tua, to make him a New Gown and  
Cassock; the *English Art of Poetry*, with a  
Dictionary of Rhymes, very necessary  
for making of Verses; several other Books  
of no less Importance to him, among  
which are all the choice Pieces of my  
worthy Friend Mr. —— publishing, es-  
pecially *The Art of Flogging*, and *The  
Pleasures of Coition*; and lastly, I leave  
him, knowing the great Veneration he  
has for the *Church of Rome*, and her  
Head, a String of Consecrated Beads, and  
Heel of his Holiness's Slipper.*

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Item, To Dr. Anodyne Tanner all my Nostrums, among which is a New Specif for the preventing Infection; as also a my Personal Estate, not above specify'd making the said Dr. Anodyne Tanner who and sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament; he paying, or causing be paid, the afore-said Legacies, within Twelve Months after my Decease. And I do hereby revoke all other Wills whatsoever, by me formerly made.

**F I N I S,**

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